

AREA OBITUARIES

Thomas Roark

Thomas Gene Roark, 68, a longtime business owner and barber died Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, at his residence in Poplar Bluff.

Mr. Roark was born Feb. 21, 1941, in Ellsinore. He was a 1959 graduate of the Ellsinore High School. He was an active member of the Palace of Praise in Poplar Bluff, where he was involved with the Men's Ministry and had traveled to Mexico in 1998 on a Missions trip with his church.

Mr. Roark attended barber school and started barbering in 1969 for Ben Box. In 1976, he went to work for Carl Wiseman at Valley Plaza Barber Shop. In 1980, he purchased the Valley Plaza Barber Shop with Ken Pope and in 1997, he and his wife, Barbara, purchased and operated the Valley Plaza Barber and Beauty Shop.

Mr. Roark was an avid basketball fan and especially enjoyed the Mules, Raiders, the East Carter Redbirds and the Portageville Bulldogs. He traveled on the rodeo circuit participating in team roping. His hobbies included golf, coon hunting, fox hunting and running beagles.

On May 1, 1993, he married Barbara Moore in Poplar Bluff. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Chris Roark and Vic Roark of Louisville, Ky.; one daughter, Suzanne Bolin of Festus; two stepdaughters, Tammy Reid of Poplar Bluff and Marian Bidwell of Portageville; 15 grandchildren; two sisters, Edwina Carnahan and Jessie Boyer, both of Ellsinore; several nieces and nephews, a special friend, Muffin, and a host of close friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ora and Tommy Roark; five brothers, Burton, Matt, Perry, Jerry and Howard Roark; and three sisters, Violet Skaggs, Gladys Leach and Wilma Foreman.

The family is forever grateful for the wonderful care provided by our Preferred Hospice friends. Your gentle care and assistance was so helpful and your kindness was always appreciated.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Palace of Praise Church in Poplar Bluff. Funeral services will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Palace of Praise with the Bishop Kent Miller officiating. Burial will follow in Ellsinore.

McSpadden Funeral Home of Ellsinore is in charge of arrangements.

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Quinten Campbell

WAPPAELLO — Quinten Doyle Campbell, 83, of Wappapello, formerly of St. Charles, died Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, at Mark Twain Caring Center in Poplar Bluff.

Mr. Campbell was born June 13, 1926, in Quilin. He was of the Protestant faith and had retired from McDonnell Douglas as an electrician. He was a 45-year member of the I.B.E.W. and a lifetime member of the V.F.W. Post 3416 where in 1995 he was very active in its rebuilding.

He enjoyed hunting, gardening and playing shuffleboard. On June 5, 1985, he married Elizabeth "Betty" Gardner Potter in St. Charles. She survives.

Other survivors include: three sons, Roger Campbell of Middlebury, Ind., Gary Campbell and Dennis Campbell, both of O'Fallon; two stepchildren, Connie Poole and husband, Randy, and Mike Potter, all of St. Charles; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Norman Stanley Campbell Jr. and wife, Carolyn, of Wappapello and Leonard Carl Campbell and wife, Linda, of Greenfield, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Norman Stanley and Mary Francis (Jones) Campbell, two brothers, Gerald Wayne Campbell and Thomas Keith Campbell, one sister, Mary Ella-V Laurence, one son, Norman Keith Campbell, and one stepson, Bobby Joe Potter.

Visitation will be 6-8 tonight at the Wappapello Cotrell Funeral Chapel. The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral chapel with Pastor Sue Welborn officiating. Burial with full military honors will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to a charity of one's choice.

Family and friends may share an online condolence or memory at www.cotrellfuneralservice.com.

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Stella Hogan

CORNING, ARK. — Stella Hogan, 90, of Corning died Jan. 2, 2010, at St. Bernard's Medical Center in Jonesboro.

She is survived by one son, John Hogan of Neelyville; one daughter, Louise Emerson of Rector, Ark.; three half sisters, Ada Songer, Betty Becker and Ruby Whitt; four half brothers, Clarence, Jerry, Rick and Lonnie Joe Whitt; six grandchildren, Wayne Emerson, Sue Worley, John Emerson, David Hughes, Sandi Hogan and Debra Lindsey; 14 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Cealie Anna (Craig) Whitt, her husband, John Henry Hogan on June 15, 1995, one daughter, Mary Francis Hughes in 1974, one sister, Mary Lee Roberts, one half brother, John Eldon Whitt and one grandson, Marion Gene Keller.

Mrs. Hogan was a member of First Apostolic Church in Corning.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in the Erment Funeral Home in Corning. The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Chris Dixon officiating. Burial will follow in Kinsey Cemetery in Neelyville.

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McKenzie Boggs

DONIPHAN — McKenzie Christine Boggs, 1-day-old daughter of LCPL Daniel Ray Boggs and Leann Taylor of Doniphan, died Saturday, January 2, 2010, at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center.

McKenzie was born Jan. 1, 2010, in Poplar Bluff.

She is survived by her parents; maternal grandparents, Lynette Grgas and Dennis Grgas, both of California; paternal grandparents, Roger and Benita Boggs of Doniphan; maternal great-grandparents, Butch and Linda McIntyre of California; paternal great-grandparents, Robert and Margaret Boggs of Doniphan; paternal great-great-grandmother, Amy ShaVrum of Morton, Ill.; and two aunts, Breann Nicole Boggs and Ashley Renee Boggs, both of Doniphan.

She was preceded in death by her paternal great-grandparents, Ray and Norma Partee.

Visitation for McKenzie will be Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at 12:00 p.m. at the Logan Creek General Baptist Church near Doniphan. The funeral service will follow at 2:00 p.m. at the church with Brother Curtis Crowley officiating. Burial will be in the Logan Creek Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made to the family at edwardsfuneralhome.org.

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Wilma LaLonde

PUXICO — Wilma LaLonde, formerly of Puxico, died Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010, at St. John's Hospital in St. Charles.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Morgan Sifford Funeral Home in Puxico.

Uncertain future for stuck Mars rover

By ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Spirit has always been the unluckier of NASA's twin Mars rovers.

Just weeks after landing in a Martian crater in 2004, it went haywire and transmitted gibberish to Earth. Engineers eventually nursed it back to health.

As if the near-death experience wasn't enough, Spirit was upstaged early on by its twin Opportunity, which landed in a geologic gold mine and was the first to determine that the frigid, dusty planet possessed a wetter past.

Bad luck has fallen again on Spirit. As the workhorse rover marks its sixth year on the red planet on Sunday, it finds itself stuck in a sand trap, perhaps forever. The six-wheel robot geologist has been in jams before, but this is the worst predicament yet.

With Martian winter arriving in several months, Spirit may not have enough power to keep going unless scientists can point the solar-powered rover toward the sun.

Spirit "has always been our drama queen," chief scientist Steve Squyres of Cornell University said.

The latest misfortune occurred in April when Spirit, driving backward because of a lame wheel, broke through the crusty ground like a person falling through a frozen pond and became bogged in fluffy sand. Little progress has been made to free Spirit since.

NASA was dealt a major setback recently when

another wheel appeared to have stopped moving, leaving Spirit with only four working wheels to plot its great escape.

"With only four driving wheels, it doesn't look good," project manager John Callas of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory said.

It's been a particularly rough year for Spirit. Besides getting stuck in a sand rut, it suffered sporadic bouts of amnesia and other woes including sudden computer reboots.

Though the prognosis of getting Spirit out looks bleak, scientists are not ready to give up yet. But if they exhaust all escape options, they will switch to Plan B and try to tilt the rover to the north where it can get more sunshine to keep running so that it can continue to do science in one spot.

"If we can't get the rover unstuck, it will become a Mars lander," Callas said.

Unlike a rover, which performs science experiments as it roams, a lander studies its surroundings while stationary.

Fortunately for researchers, what may turn out to be Spirit's final resting spot looks like a scientific bonanza. The sand is rich in sulfate, a mineral that forms in the presence of water, researchers say.

Originally designed as a three-month mission, Spirit and Opportunity have operated past their warranty. Since Spirit landed on Jan. 3, 2004, followed by Opportunity three weeks later, the rovers have driven a total of more than 16 miles, cresting hills and peering into craters.

Spirit and Opportunity are also closing in on the record for longest-running Mars surface mission currently held by the Viking 1 lander, which operated on the planet for six years and 116 days.

From the start, Spirit has had hard luck. Squyres, the mission's chief scientist, attributes part of that to geography.

Opportunity didn't have to work hard to impress scientists because it parachuted to an ancient lakebed awash with minerals that pointed to geologic evidence of past water. Spirit, on the other hand, touched down in the rugged lava plains of a crater on the opposite side of the planet and had to trek toward the hills to make discoveries.

"In order to get the science, we simply had to push Spirit harder," Squyres said.

There's one feat that Spirit achieved on its own. In 2005, it became the first robotic craft to scale an extraterrestrial hill as tall as the Statue of Liberty.

With Spirit immobile, it's still snapping pictures of its surroundings and sending data back to Earth. Spirit's next challenge will be surviving the upcoming Martian winter. Meanwhile, Opportunity has been busy grinding into a dark-toned rock that scientists think may be a stony meteorite.

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Mexico nabs 3rd brother in reputed drug family

By ALEXANDRA OLSON
Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The capture of a reputed kingpin following the death of his brother has knocked out most of a brutal drug trafficking dynasty after a Mexican crackdown on corruption stripped the Beltran Leyva cartel of many snitches within security forces.

Carlos Beltran Leyva was arrested in the Pacific coast state Sinaloa, where he and several of his brothers were born and allegedly started their gang. A judge ordered him held for at least

40 days while officials investigate possible charges of organized crime, the Attorney General's Office said in a statement Sunday.

His capture came just two weeks after his brother Arturo, known as "the boss of bosses" of the cartel, was killed in a shootout with marines at a luxury apartment in the city of Cuernavaca.

Carlos Beltran's arrest gave Calderon back-to-back victories in the drug war and underscored the government's determination to destroy the cartel despite the threat of reprisal attacks. Days after Arturo Beltran

was killed, gunmen massacred the mother and three other relatives of the only marine who died in the Dec. 16 shootout in Cuernavaca.

Calderon vowed he would not be intimidated. However, authorities were far quieter in announcing Carlos Beltran's capture, waiting three days to make the arrest public in a terse statement Saturday night.

A third brother, Alfredo, was arrested in January 2008. At least one other Beltran Leyva brother, who officials say could be named Mario or Hector, remains at large. He is listed as one of Mexico's 24 most-wanted drug lords, with a \$2 million reward offered for his capture.

The downfall of Beltran Leyva brothers comes a year after a sweeping corruption probe led to the arrest of a dozen high-ranking Mexican officials accused of collaborating with the cartel. They included Mexico's former drug czar Noe Ramirez, who allegedly received \$450,000 a month from Arturo Beltran in exchange for sensitive information.

"The long suit of the Beltran Leyva was in intelligence, and they had lots of contacts with the intelligence officials," said George W. Grayson, a Mexico expert at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. "They got the big shots ... who were on the take from the Beltran Leyva family, and that really was their strength."

Mexican officials in the past have described Carlos Beltran Leyva, 40, as a key member of the gang, but he is not on the government's most-wanted list and prosecutors have not revealed any significant current indictments against him.

"He's the lowest profile of the brothers," Grayson said. "The scuttlebutt is that Hector, who is still at large,

is really the brains behind the outfit."

Chance and Mexico's intelligence system appeared to have led to Beltran Leyva's capture.

The Attorney General's Office said a citizen tipped authorities to the presence of an armed man in the Canadas neighborhood of Cuernavaca. Beltran Leyva gave federal police a driver's license that identified him as Carlos Gamez Orpineda, but when the police ran the document by Mexico's Center of Intelligence they learned it was false.

He later acknowledged he was Arturo Beltran Leyva's brother, the Public Safety Department said. Police said he was found with two guns and ammunition.

The Beltran Leyva brothers allegedly worked side by side with Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, the leader of the Sinaloa Cartel, before breaking away in recent years and seizing lucrative drug routes in northeastern Mexico.

While a victory for the government, the success against the Beltran Leyva brothers could empower the Sinaloa cartel and other rival gangs, Grayson said.

The Beltran Leyvas had increasingly relied for protection on the Zetas, a gang led by former soldiers-turned-hit men who also work with the Gulf cartel, he said.

"The Zetas may now move against the Beltran Leyva and take them over, saying, 'You are now taking orders from us, or we'll kill you,'" Grayson said. "The good news is you've got a bad guy behind bars. The bad news is that this may enhance the Zetas."

That possibility raises fears of even bloodier turf battles in a drug war that has already claimed more than 15,000 lives since Calderon took office in 2006.



EXTENDED FORECAST

Tonight: Clear. Lows around 9. NW winds 5-10 mph. **Tuesday:** Sunny. Highs in the mid 20s. NW winds around 5 mph. Lows around 12. **Wednesday:** Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 20s. Calm winds. Chance of evening snow 60%. Lows around 18. **Thursday:** Cloudy with a 50% chance of snow. Highs in the mid 20s. Lows around 12. **Friday:** Partly sunny. Highs around 19. Lows around 8. **Saturday:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 20s. Lows around 11.

LOCAL WEATHER

Sunday 25/18
High/Low Year Ago Today: 59/32
Downtown Rain: 0
Clearwater Rain: 0
Clearwater Lake (normal 498)
Elevation: 497.48 F
Clearwater Dam Discharge: 2,399
Black River at Poplar Bluff: 8.76 F
Clearwater High/Low: 23/7
Wappapello Elevation: 371.42
Wappapello Discharge: 6,280
Wappapello Tailwater: 340.3
Sunrise: 7:15
Sunset: 4:59

LOTTERIES

SUNDAY, JAN. 3

Midday 3: 1-7-5
Midday 4: 9-8-2-0
Pick 3: 1-6-7
Pick 4: 4-9-2-2
Show Me Ca\$h
04-16-25-29-30
Next jackpot \$92,000
Saturday, Jan. 2
Lotto:
01-24-30-34-36-41
Next jackpot \$1.5 million.
Midday 3: 2-9-8
Midday 4: 0-7-4-5
Pick 3: 5-0-0
Pick 4: 8-2-4-9
Show Me Ca\$h:
06-07-30-35-38
Powerball:
3-7-23-27-42
Powerball: 37
Power Play: 3

1 ticket sold in Arkansas won the \$25 million jackpot. Next jackpot \$20 million.

Tickets matching the first 5 numbers, but not the Powerball, worth \$200,000, and were sold in: Arizona, Indiana, North Carolina, New Mexico and Wisconsin.

There was one Power Play Match 5 winner in Missouri.